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Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

WT Docket No. 11-65

May 25, 2011

Dear Chairman Genachowski and Commissioners:

The United States Cattlemen's Association (USCA) is a national association of cow-calf producers and state associations whose mission is to present an effective voice for the domestic cattle industry. USCA's membership includes cow-calf operators, backgrounders, and feedlot operators. USCA was founded on the idea that a grassroots effort by U.S. cattlemen can work positively and effectively with the government to form domestic agriculture policy and thus ensure a fair, competitive marketplace. USCA believes that a marketplace should be based on transparency, strong competition, and increased opportunities for rural America.

To this end, USCA would like to make its voice heard concerning a recently announced transaction between AT&T and T-Mobile USA. A strong supporter of expanding mobile broadband throughout rural America, USCA believes this proposed transaction could significantly help accelerate that expansion.

Mobile broadband connections are fast becoming the lifeblood of American education, healthcare, business, and society in general, providing even the most remote user with access to information from all over the world. In some parts of rural America, cattlemen can communicate with cattle buyers as well as employees on the ranch, with the simple push of a button. Moreover, access to advanced mobile broadband has improved the lives of residents in small towns and rural America through access to education, healthcare, and more.

Unfortunately, in many parts of rural America mobile voice and broadband connections are faulty or non-existent, leaving many rural residents without access to the features mobile broadband connections offer. USCA believes positive steps that expand mobile broadband deployment to more Americans—such as the proposed merger between AT&T and T-Mobile—should be supported, and will go a long way toward covering those living rural areas that are

currently unserved or underserved. We believe this merger can help bring the kind of communications and infrastructure and innovation that rural America needs.

USCA wholeheartedly supports actions taken to expand mobile broadband access in small town and rural America. We would like to see to it that the ranchers and farmers, along with other rural residents who have traditionally been underserved, gain access to the best that mobile broadband has to offer, including expanded educational opportunities, telemedicine for the sick and disabled among us, and business applications that will help expand and improve small town and rural economies.

USCA believes that a transaction between mobile broadband providers that expands coverage for small town and rural America will provide faster and more reliable connections. These enhancements will spur the cutting edge wireless technology that enhances the business, educational, health, and social environment for both current and future generations of agricultural producers and rural America.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jan Cebrian", with a stylized flourish at the end.

President, U.S. Cattlemen's Association